Deylon's Tradition About Adam and Eve's First Habitation.

Ceylon, in local tradition, was the garden of Eden, and you will be shown Adam's peak to prove it, and Adam's bridge, the chain of rocks and islets which the maps show stretching across from Ceylon to the coast of India. Eve, or Heba, as the eastern stoty calls her, was well satisfied with her lot in the garden of Ceylon, but Atami, manifike, showed a disposition to rove, or, as we might now say, emigrate. One day while wandering on the west coast he met a strange man, before him a fascinating panorama of the lovely country across the waters gardens and rich orchards, valleys teeming with birds and gazelles and all the rest. Atamir had seen nothing like it in Cerion. He had always been trying to coax Hebe into emigration chades of Adam's peak and ordered her peremptorily to pack up and make ready for a start. Heba pleaded in wain, but Atami was persistent and led the way across "Adam's bridge" to India, where he found, to his dismay, a dreary and fortidding wilderness. The panorama man (it will be readily guessed who he was) had de-Atami, and the disappointed wanderer fell into despair. Then it was that the angel messenger came and gave the disobedient Atami orders to go on into the desert and wild places and suffer the punishment that was his due. Atami's nobility of spirit showed itself here, for he begged the angel to intercede that his own punishment might be doubled and Heba permitted to return to the garden of Eden and be given a fresh mate and a fresh start! You will be apt to think that this chivalric example of gallantry set by the heroic Atami has not been generally emulated by his descendants in that corner of the world when you see a native walking along enjoying a smoke or a chew of bhang while his wife struggles wearily behind with the family load on her delicate head!

DIAMOND SMUGGLERS.

Few Caught Owing to Their Ingenuity In Hiding Gems.

"Diamond smugglers are a constant source of worry to us," said the customs house inspector. "Despite every precaution taken here and abroad to spot them, not more than 10 per cent are caught with the goods. There seems to be no limit to the devilish ingenuity employed by these-I was going to say gentry-but there are quite as many women in the business as men.

"It is really wonderful, when you come to think of it, that we are ever able to make a good hand when you consider how easily diamonds can be concealed. Hollow heels are a favorite receptacle for the precious stones, and I understand that there are places in Europe where you can buy shoes specially constructed with spaces in the

"I remember one woman-she is still in the business-who displayed great ingenuity in smuggling diamonds, It was only by chance that we caught her at one of her tricks. She arrived with a very striking Paris bonnet, which was ornamented with bunches of grapes. While we were examining her baggage this dream of a hat blew off and was smashed by a passing truck. A rushed gallantly to recover the hat and then saw that each of the grapes contained a diamond or precious stene. Bhe got what was left of the hat, but nothing more.

"What can a man of ordinary perception do with such people? They will best him every time unless he's gifted with second sight. I never see a chap with long hair but I think of the day we picked \$10,000 worth of stones from a fellow's head who wore a pompadour like a brush heap.

"No, we can't keep up with all their tricks and don't expect to. It's the bebaylor of the smuggler that generally gives him away. When we see a tranor woman acting uneasy, nervous, betraying his or her guilt by gestures, we have him or her searched. One gets to know the smuggler face after a time, and so captures are made."-New York

A Simple Cure. It is said that John Wesley was once walking with a brother, who related to him his troubles, saying he did not know what he should do. They were at that moment passing a stone wall to a meadow, over which a cow was

"Do you know," asked Wesley, "why that cow looks over that wall?" "No," replied the one in trouble.

"I will tell you," said Wesley. "Because she cannot look through it. And that is what you must do with your troubles-look over and above them."

The Man For the Job. "But," asked the proprietor of the Skychye apartments, "do you think this man is suited for the position of janitor?"

"Oh, splendidly," replied the manager. "He has been at various times an iceman, a coalman and a policeman, Oh, he's just as independent and sassy as he can be."-Philadelphia Press.

A Curiosity. Talking about scientific curiosities. I have discovered one thing about an engine which is a flat contradiction." "What is that?"

"That it is hottest when it's coaled." -Baltimore American.

A chauffeur recently fined at Kensington, England, sald he had agreed with his employer that he (the chauffeur) should pay all fines. The practice, he added, was almost universal in



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GREEK ATHLETES.

"In the foot races of the ancient Greeks," says a writer, "the shape of the stadium caused a great difference, since it was not circular, but long and Consequently the runners had to take a sharp turn at the end of each lap, while except at the turn they were running a straight course. Evidently this turn needed much practice, for the

pictures on the old vases show athletes

practicing this one part of the race as

a kind of drill, taking each movement separately. "In early times, when all the runners turned round the same post, the turn gave opportunities for foul play, and there are stories of one competitor tripping another at the post or seizing him the hair to prevent his winning. But later, in the shorter distances at least, each runner had his own track and post to turn round, and probably the separate courses were roped off in much the same way as they are now in sprint races. For the start elaborate arrangements were made and at Olympla the stone slabs are still to be seen, with the grooves at regular intervals

that had to be toed at starting "Greek long distance men ran in the most approved style of the present day. But the sprinters apparently employed a considerable amount of arm action and took very long steps, rising well on to the toes. Then there was the race in armor, an event highly praised by several of the Greek writers as a valuable preparation for war and which is supposed to explain the famous running charge of the Athenians at Marathon."

A Literary Coincidence. "My father, W. Clark Russell," said Herbert Russell in telling of a literary coincidence, "had finished maturing the plot of his novel, "The Death Ship," which is a version of the legend of Vanderdecken. I was his amanuensis at the time. He said to me, Tomorrow we will begin the story.' On the following morning when I entered his study to take his dictation of the opening lines he showed me a letter he had just received. It was from W. S. Gilbert, the well known dramatist, asking him why he did not write a novel about the Flying Dutchman."

Funerals In the Highlands A Scottish correspondent writes of funerals in the highlands: "There are no undertakers here. A carpenter makes the simple coffin, relatives and riends carry it, hip high, to its last resting place, which is dug when the end of the journey is reached, and, having walked perhaps six miles to the chosen kirkyard, they take a refreshment of sandwiches and whisky and walk home again. The rigorous absence of pomp is maintained, but there is the added embellishment of pipe music."

An English drogging gives the follow-ing list of blunders made by his poorer customers: "Catch an eel" for cochineal: "prosperous paste" for phosphorus paste; "grease it" for creosote; "fishy water" for vichy water; "gultar" for catarrh; "everlasting" for effervesTHE MUSSULMAN.

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Proud of His Religion. A traveler in Africa writes: "This is land of religion. The Mussulman's devotion is intense, ever present and all pervading being not an accessory tacked on, as it were, to his life to be practiced more or less surreptitiously, but an essential part, wherewith and wi wein he lives at all times. A Mus suman prays openly and publicly, in nowise afraid to be seen. Every man wears his string of beads whereon he records the number of his daily prayers. Notwithstanding its, to us, uninviting appearance, the religion has made and still is making great strides in Africa, and one can only attribute this to the fact that here at last is a religion of which its adherents are in no way ashamed. It offers to the faithful absolute assurance of safvation and engenders that blind, unhesitating faith therein which is so comforting to the native mind.

"Seeing a crowd of pilgrims bound for Mecca patiently-nay, with pleasureenduring the worst treatment that one could imagine meted out to herds of driven slaves, one envies the excess of faith that can engender such a disposition. Though robbed, slain, starved, herded with pestilence and subjected to countless hardships and annoyances, yet year after year they come from far and near thousands at tens of thousands strong on this the most wonderful and far reaching of latter day pilgrimages.

"At Jedda one sees pilgrims from all corners of the globe-Dutch subjects from Java, Chinese from Peking, shiploads from India and Farther India, Russian subjects from all parts of the great empire, French subjects from Algiers, from Morocco, and dusky negroes who have tramped for months from the western shores of Africa. Through many lands and midst many tongues they come, all to meet at this thronged center of the maelstrom of the Mussulman faith."



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